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Attorney Docket No. 331235-00021

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Group Art Unit: 3629  
Examiner Name: Cosimano, Edward R.  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM  
OF PRIORITY AND BENEFIT OF PRIOR FILED APPLICATIONS**

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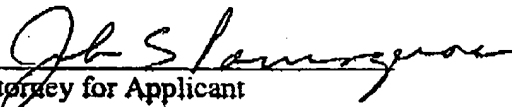
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It is believed that all three requirements of a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) have been satisfied above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition be granted by the Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

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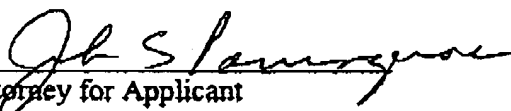
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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP § 608.02(P), enclosed is a copy of Fig. 22A, identified as a  
"Replacement Sheet." This figure was submitted with the amendment filed on June 10, 2005,  
but inadvertently was not labeled as a "Replacement Sheet."

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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

A personal interview was conducted with Examiner Cosimano on August 4, 2005. The undersigned and the owner of the patent application, Mr. Katten, would like to thank Examiner Cosimano for the generous amount of time provided for the interview. Examiner Cosimano provided an Interview Summary and attached Substance of Interview on the day of the interview. The following is meant to supplement the Interview Summary and the Substance of Interview.

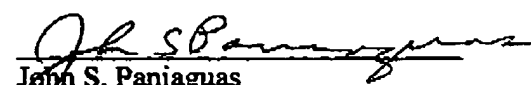
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- 1) No exhibits were shown at the interview.
- 2) Claims 77, 79, and 80 were discussed.
- 3) Various prior art of record and U.S. Patent No. 4,570,217 were discussed at the interview.
- 4) All amendments are described in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, and 6 of the Substance of Interview. As set forth in paragraph 5 of the Substance of Interview, those amendments will be made by Examiner's Amendment.
- 5) Pertinent arguments during the Interview are summarized in paragraph 3 of the "Substance of Interview."
- 6) No other pertinent matters, other than those discussed above and the Substance of Interview, were discussed.
- 7) As stated in the Interview Summary, an agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

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